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Mr. Sidney Mills  
Area Director  
Albuquerque Area Office  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
P.O. Box 8327  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198

Dear Mr. Mills:

Thank you for the favorable consideration given to our request for additional funds for our higher education program. Without this \$90,000, many of our students in the various universities would have been forced to curtail their education. I trust that this matter was considered by you personally, and not your staff assistants with whom I have raised my objections on other matters regarding my Pueblo.

Mr. Mills, I still have not received any action on my request made to your office over two months ago regarding adequate performance bonds of the Anaconda Company. As you and I have discussed in previous meetings, I am gravely concerned with the possibility that the Company will not address reclamation needs at our uranium mine upon cessation of operations. I mentioned that it is imperative and of the utmost urgency that our Trustee provide this protection for my Pueblo. Your response to me on this matter, as you will recall, was for me to give you an amount rather than the \$100,000 bond as recommended by USGS. I suggested that BIA obtain an on-site analysis to ascertain the needed bonding to cover reclamation. I regret to say that not even this much has been done by any branch of the Interior Department.

With all due respect for your work demands which must be enormous, I am, as a matter of courtesy, notifying you that I have referred this to the Secretary of the Interior and my congressional representatives. I am hopeful that you will take some positive steps to provide the needed protection to my people as mandated by the provisions of CFR 25.

Should you have any questions, please contact my attorney, Bill Halton, at 243-2440, or me, at 243-9696.

Sincerely,

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

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Governor

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